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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of)	
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Guillermo C. Bazan et al.)	Art Unit: 1632
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Application No.: 10/779,412)	Examiner: Bradley L Sisson
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Filing Date: February 13, 2004)	Confirmation No.: 7769
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For: METHODS AND COMPOSITIONS FOR)	
DETECTION AND ANALYSIS OF)	
POLYNUCLEOTIDE-BINDING PROTEIN))	
INTERACTIONS USING LIGHT)	
HARVESTING MULTICHROMOPHORES))	

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DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.132

I, Guillermo C. Bazan, hereby declare:

1. I am a Professor in the Departments of Materials Science and of Chemistry and Biochemistry and Director of the Center for Polymers and Organic Solids at the University of California, Santa Barbara.

2. I am named as an inventor on the above-referenced patent application now pending in the United States Patent and Trademark Office, along with Shu Wang and Bin Liu.

3. I understand that the claimed invention has been rejected for allegedly lacking enablement based in part on the assertion that undue experimentation would be required to reduce the invention to practice.

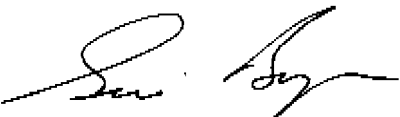
4. I am providing this declaration to present information to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office regarding the amount of experimentation actually undertaken in reducing the invention to a working embodiment.

5. Reagents were ordered for an experimental attempt in this regard on or about June 10, 2002. These reagents were used in the experiments depicted in the Examples of the patent application.

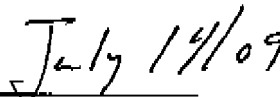
6. A working embodiment of the invention was successfully tested on or about September 13, 2002.

7. During this period, the majority of the experimental work leading to this reduction to practice was performed by Shu Wang, a post-doctoral researcher in my laboratory. Thus, the amount of time taken from the initiation of experiments to the actual reduction to practice of the invention was no more than approximately three months.

8. I understand that willful false statements and the like are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. 1001, and that such willful false statements and the like may jeopardize the validity of the application or document or any resulting patent. I declare that all statements in this declaration that are based on my own knowledge are true, and all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true.



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